

249. (New) Apparatus according to claim 248, wherein said encoder is associated with a gear wheel movable in relation to a rack.

250. (New) Apparatus according to claim 247, wherein said position sensor comprises reading device for reading an optic band.

251. (New) Apparatus according to claim 247, wherein said position sensor comprises a reading device for reading a magnetic band.

252. (New) Apparatus according to claim 247, and further comprising a processing card, suitable for processing a signal coming from said position sensor.

#### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office is requested to appreciate that the corresponding published application (WO 2003/082622) was published with a set of claims numbered 1-126. The above amendments have cancelled claims 1-126 and entered new claims 127-252. Claims 127-252 shown above, are believed to be the only pending claims in this application.

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The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications and to include the substitute abstract. No new matter has been introduced.

An inventor's Declaration was filed during the International Phase and a copy of the same is attached.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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